

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 10, 2014

### **Minutes**

The Board of Selectmen met on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Heald Room. Those present were Selectmen John Gorecki, Douglas A. G. Stevenson, Peter Scavongelli, and Vanessa Hunnibell Moroney. Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard was also present. Nathan Brown attended the meeting remotely by telephone.

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stevenson to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, §21(a) paragraph (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position and the Board will return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moroney and the following roll call vote was taken: Gorecki – aye; Stevenson – aye; Scavongelli – aye; (remotely by telephone) and Moroney – aye.

At 7:05 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

Also in attendance:

Lyn Lemaire, West Street  
Thornton Ash, Nowell Farme Road  
Mike Hanauer, Long Ridge Road  
Bob McCauley, Log Hill Road  
Charlie Parker, Log Hill Road  
Steve Wentzell, Log Hill Road  
Larry Bearfield and Robin Emerson – Ferns Country Store  
Ken Mostello, Board of Assessors  
Melissa Stamp, Assessor  
Police Chief John Fisher  
Fire Chief David Flannery  
Deputy Fire Chief Jonathan White  
Peter Yelle, 484 Cross Street  
David Model, School Committee member  
Carol White, School Street  
John Reed, School Street  
Paul McCormack, School Street

### **Community Input**

Lyn Lemaire, West Street spoke to the Board about the proposed 40B development on Long Ridge Road. She was present with many neighbors and abutters and she said she wants the Town to fight the good fight against 40B. Ms. Lemaire said they have all been attending the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meetings. She said the letter presented tonight (attached hereto), dated Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> is really part two. Ms. Lemaire said on October 6, 2014 she wrote a letter and made a commentary at a ZBA meeting that was relative to the balancing test that is used in 40B. She said she wrote a letter to the ZBA requesting that they put in the study from RKG Associates from the Housing Trust as well

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as information about Benfield Farms. This was relative to the 'low capture rate' discussed in the RKG Study stating that it is hard to get people to rent apartments in Carlisle due to the low amount of amenities in Carlisle. She said all the evidence has to be in for this to be a true hearing. She said at the meeting, the chairman said they did not have time to deal with housing data. She said there is also a sense that it is too late and it can't be fixed and that we are doomed. Ms. Lemaire said the point is if we give up fighting 40B now, we are doomed. We cannot get to the 10% realistically.

Ms. Lemaire spoke about Benfield Farms and she said there are some positive attributes that came from that development.

Mr. Gorecki asked Ms. Lemaire what she is requesting of the Board of Selectmen. She said there are six (6) items on the front page of the attached letter. Ms. Lemaire read each of the items.

Ms. Lemaire said she believes the Zoning Board of Appeals is working hard but they need additional help. Mr. Gorecki said the Board will consider their requests.

Thornton Ash, Nowell Farm Rd. said the ZBA might hire their own water expert above and beyond the peer-review to do a third study.

Mike Hanauer, Long Ridge Road said this probably should be considered a public water supply.

Charlie Parker, Log Hill Rd. asked when the Board will place this matter on their agenda. Mr. Gorecki said the Selectmen will discuss this matter at their meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Stevenson said this Board shares the concern of the abutters on these types of projects. He said we want to make sure this project is compatible with the community.

Bob McCauley of Log Hill Rd. said as citizens we should have some input on these projects.

Steve Wentzell, Log Hill Rd. said he recalled hearing at the last annual Town Meeting something about a Master Plan for Housing. He was hopeful that this was on the Board's agenda. Mr. Gorecki said this is a five year process and he has started discussing this with Planning Board Chair David Freedman.

Nick Lunig, West St. reiterated that those present were not only abutters but also concerned residents.

Carlo Petruzzello, Carleton Road spoke briefly to the Board about dogs in his neighborhood that leave feces everywhere. He said it was out of control. He asked the Board to consider a leash law.

#### **Ferns Country Store – 2015 License Renewals: Common Victuallers' License, Carry-in Liquor License, and Section 15 Off-Premises Wine/Beer package Store**

Larry Bearfield and Robin Emerson, proprietors of Ferns Country Store were present. Mr. Gorecki asked Mr. Goddard to go through the documents presented. Mr. Goddard said the required documents were submitted for recertification of the license renewals. He pointed out that for the 'carry-in' BYOB license, a sign-off is required by the Building Commissioner, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief. Mr. Goddard all three of these documents have been signed and submitted. He said the ABCC requires that the renewal be filed in November however they have until the end of the year to approve it.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli, it was unanimously **VOTED** to authorize the following 2015 License Renewals: a Common Victuallers License – Ferns Country Store; Carry-In Liquor License – Ferns Country Store; and Section 15 Off-Premises Beer/Wine package store for Ferns Country Store.

Larry gave the Board of Selectmen three checks: \$25.00 for the Common Victuallers License, \$50.00 for the Carry-in Liquor License and \$1,000.00 for the Sec. 15 Off-Premises Beer/Wine Package Store License.

#### **FY15 Tax Classification Hearing**

Ken Mostello, member of the Board of Assessors and Assessor Melissa Stamp were present for this discussion. Mr. Gorecki opened the 2015 Tax Classification Hearing. He said the Board of

Assessors are recommending that the Selectmen vote for a residential factor of 'one' for fiscal year 2015, which means that there will be a uniform tax rate with no difference between commercial, industrial and residential property tax rates for fiscal year 2015. Mr. Gorecki said the Assessors are also recommending that the Selectmen vote not to grant an open space discount, not to adopt a residential exemption and not adopt a small commercial exemption.

The Assessors notified the Board of Selectmen that the excess levy capacity has been calculated at \$1,393,887.72.

On a motion made by Mr. Scavongelli and seconded by Mr. Stevenson it was unanimously **VOTED** that for the purpose of setting the fiscal 2015 property tax rate, the Board approves a residential factor of one, thereby establishing a uniform tax rate with no differences between the residential, commercial, industrial and personal property tax rates, and that the Board not grant an open space discount, not adopt a residential exemption, and not adopt a small commercial exemption for fiscal year 2015. Further, we acknowledge that the Board of Assessors has presented information and data relevant to making such determinations and has informed the Board of Selectmen that the excess levy capacity for fiscal year 2015 is \$1,393,887.72.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mrs. Moroney, it was unanimously **VOTED** to close the 2015 Tax Classification public hearing.

### **Town Administrator Report**

1) Long Ridge Rd. 40B Mr. Goddard said that Long Ridge Road 40B proponent Jeff Brem has agreed to a 60-day extension of the hearing process, which will bring this date to March 27, 2015.

2) NationalGrid Mr. Goddard said NationalGrid has asked the Town to allow them to work on Sunday. Mr. Goddard said currently our bylaws do not prohibit work on Sundays and if the Board were inclined they could set reasonable hours for this utility work. Mr. Gorecki suggested asking for public input on this request.

3) Non-exercise of First Refusal Rights/267 Rutland St. Mr. Goddard said as the Board has determined that there is no Town interest in acquiring this property, he is suggesting that they vote to not exercise their option and execute this release [attached hereto] so that the Blanchettes can move forward and market their property.

On a motion made by Mr. Scavongelli and seconded by Mrs. Moroney, it was unanimously **VOTED** that the Board of Selectmen would not exercise its' first refusal rights for the property at 267 Rutland Street and to execute a notice of release and inform the property owners of this action.

4) Board of Selectmen FY15 Liaisons A draft list of the Board of Selectmen liaisons to various boards/committees based on the Boards FY15 Goals and Objectives was presented. There was a brief discussion and a few edits were made to the list.

5) Request for Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Month Mr. Goddard said the Board has received a request to issue a proclamation declaring November as 'Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month'. He said this request came from a resident in Dartmouth, MA so there is no local connection.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously **VOTED** to sign the proclamation declaring November 2014 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

### **Telecommunications Tower Discussion**

Fire Chief David Flannery, Deputy Fire Chief Jonathan White, Police Chief John Fisher, School Committee member David Modell and Peter Yelle were present for this discussion. Mr. Gorecki said we were not going to discuss the monopole, but communication systems in general. He said we are trying to find what would be the best system for the Town. He added that we will continue along with the site plan review.

Mr. Gorecki said he worked with David Freedman and Peter Yelle in putting together a scope of work that they sent to *Isotrope Wireless*, an engineering group. This was to help us understand the

different options for communications systems. He said Isotrope provided a fee for the scope of work we requested which was \$24,000.00. Mr. Gorecki said that was more than what we expected. David asked them what they could do for \$5,000.00 and on page 4 of the attached proposal is a description of that work entitled *Reduced Scope Proposal*.

Peter Yelle said the initial scope of work was just to flush out what would be the best communication system that would serve the Town. He felt that the Reduced Scope Proposal will give an indication whether the Tower might suffice to expand to the Town boundaries. Peter said the reduced Scope will address the coverage, not the systems and operability of all the systems. That would be the full scope.

David Modell, School Committee member said the School Committee supports an effective solution. They fully support that it is the right solution to have a more comprehensive study.

Chief Flannery said after our last meeting it was clear to him that most people wanted more detailed information; from engineers and studies. He said we need to work together to find a solution. He said the solution that they have proposed and that Deputy Chief has been working on is a simple one, and it has worked before. It is putting the antenna above the tree line. Chief Flannery said apparently there are those who feel that this is not logical and that this will not solve our problems. He said information data can support that this will solve the problem and therefore he supports this project. He noted that this has to be done as quickly as possible, in a cost effective manner and with consideration for the neighborhood.

Mr. Gorecki said we are not going to delay the process. The site plan review will go forward with the assumption that the pole is going up while we explore/look for another way to do this at a more efficient level.

#### Public Input

Carol White, School Street expressed concern about raising the tower to 150' and would rising it up just 100' be adequate? She wanted to make sure raising this tower to that height will actually be worth it. Could the study ascertain whether you could get the same results at 100' as it would at 150'?

John Reed, School Street said given the budgets involved and the spending that is done by the Town on the Fire and Police Department, spending another \$25,000 or \$30,000.00 on a project that will last 10 – 20 years is a relatively small amount and seems like a reasonable thing to do.

Paul McCormack, School St. said he was very pleased to hear that the Board was considering a study. He said as residents, that want the Fire Department to be happy and they want their safety concerns addressed. They are not against the Fire Department.

Mr. Gorecki said the Board will continue this discussion at our November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said at that time we will make a decision on whether we will do a \$5,000.00 study; \$25,000.00 study or no study and where the funding will come from.

David Modell said the School Committee supports the Tower but they are concerned about safety issues.

#### **Preliminary FY16 Police/Fire/Communications Budgets**

Fire Department Budget Chief Flannery said the FY14 Fire Department Budget did not go in the 'red' this year because there were no major fires and no major storms. He said in FY15, he is dealing with two major issues. The first issue is vehicle repairs and the second is our tanker truck which needs extensive repairs. He said he is proposing to replace this truck. Chief Flannery pointed out that District 12 has increased the amount of their dues.

Chief Flannery spoke about FY16 discussed Phase 3 of the Compensation Plan. He said this year we will complete the final phase of the compensation plan, which comes to \$30,274. David said the other unmet needs for FY16 are increasing Fire prevention work by 2.5 hours a week (\$3,321). David spoke about IT Support which he felt was greatly needed at the Fire Station. There was a discussion over consolidating with the same IT support that Town Hall and the Police Department retains.

Chief Flannery spoke about his Long Term Capital requests. The following are his requests for 2016: computer maintenance - \$2,500.00, Fire Station Maintenance - \$5,000.00, Water Rescue Boat-\$21,000.00, Replacement of Tanker Engine #5 - \$650,000, and replacement of a wheel-drive SUV-\$38,000.00.

Communication Budget Chief Fisher spoke about the Communications Department budget. He said he and Chief Flannery met with Mike Taplin at the Communications Department and reviewed this years' budget. He said they are where they should be. He said they are confident that with the contract wages and the budget the FinCom has given them that they will be fine next year. He said next year's budget will be consistent with this past year's budget.

Police Department Budget Chief Fisher said presently they are at (approx.) 24% of this years' budget. He said regarding next year, he is looking for some exceptions to the budget. He said in regard to their BDR system, Drivetech has been under billing them by \$157.00 a month. He said the resolution to this matter will involve a one-time \$399 up-grade. He is therefore asking for an increase in that line item of \$1,184.00. Chief Fisher also asked for an increase in the uniform allowance which was for the bullet proof vests. This amount was \$12,160. It was noted that the State will reimburse us \$6,080 of that amount. The Chief asked for two additional cell phone lines at \$1,200 each. Those are the three (3) items over level budget.

Chief Fisher explained the items he listed for long term capital requests. He said he provided FinCom with an estimate of \$125,000.00 for a new dispatch console. The next item(s) were two 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe Police cars. He said the reason he is asking for two police cars is that the cars they are using have too many miles on them. He provided a list of the cars the police department is presently using and the mileage on same. (attached) Chief Fisher said this does not include the purchase he is asking the Board to approve tonight.

Chief Fisher said he had an updated proposal for the roof, which is 26 years old. The cost for the roof replacement is \$24,630. He also requested four (4) computers (\$978.00 each). Chief Fisher provided a proposal for the replacement of the carpet which was \$12,961.12. The carpet replacement was suggested by MIIA.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mrs. Moroney, it was unanimously **VOTED** to authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a contract with Central Dodge to purchase a Dodge Charger and the associated outfitting that goes along with it for the purchase price of \$33,924.00.

*Mr. Brown left the meeting*

### **Pathways Committee – Finalize Committee Charge**

Mr. Gorecki said at our last meeting we discussed a Mission Statement for our Pathways Committee. He said he has received one comment from the Board regarding the Statement and that was from Mr. Brown who suggested we increase the scope to also reference bicycles. This item was postponed to the next meeting.

### **Town Administrator – Performance Review**

Mr. Gorecki said in regard to the Performance Review of Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard, he solicited input from all the members of the Board and from former Selectmen Tim Hult and John Williams. He said however he did not receive any comments from Mr. Hult or Mr. Williams. The input received from the Board has been synthesized and presented tonight. Mr. Gorecki read through the performance review which is attached hereto.

Mr. Goddard said he would like to make a few comments on this review at the Board's next meeting.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Gorecki gave a brief report on the Financial Management Team meeting that occurred this morning. He said prior to that meeting there was a meeting to review the ReCap Sheet.  
Mrs. Moroney the Afford Housing Trustees will meet on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mrs. Moroney, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Minutes to the Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 28, 2014 as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Arena